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DURING UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO THE USSR

1. DURING HIS UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION
ON FEBRUARY 15 TO 18, PRESIDENT KEKKONEN HAD EXTENSIVE
DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT PODGORNYY, PREMIER KOSYGIN,
AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV AT ZAVIDOVO.

2. THE MAIN EMPHASIS IN THE DISCUSSIONS WAS ON
ECONOMIC AND OIL QUESTIONS (SEPTEL). CONCERNING THE
CSCE, THE JOINT FINNISH-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE HAS THE
FOLLOWING TO SAY: "THE PARTIES AGREED THAT THE SECOND
STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO A
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT
UNDUE DELAYS, AND THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE
THIRD STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE HIGHEST
LEVEL WOULD MEET THE GREAT EXPECTATIONS OF
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STRENGTHENING PEACE THAT THE NATIONS OF THE

EUROPEAN CONTINENT HAVE SET IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS."

3. AT THE AIRPORT RADIO/TV INTERVIEW UPON HIS
RETURN TO HELSINKI, PRESIDENT KEKKONEN WAS A LITTLE
MORE SPECIFIC SAYING THAT: "THE ATTITUDE OF BOTH
PARTIES CONCERNED WAS THAT THE CURRENT PHASE SHOULD
END IN GENEVA BY THE END OF JUNE, AFTER WHICH THE
CONFERENCE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WOULD COME TO
HELSINKI WHERE THE RESULTS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS
WOULD THEN BE CONFIRMED."
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